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1. Immediately upon conclusion of this morning's meeting of the House Committee on Post Office & Civil Service, Chairman Rees called me to say that they had taken care of inserting in the bill the two items requested by CIA -- exemption from the Performance Rating Act and deletion of Section 9 of P.L. 110. The Chairman asked that I inform Mr. Dulles of this action which grew out of his luncheon meeting with the DCI. As soon as we have reviewed the language which the Committee has inserted and the bill has passed the House, I will recommend that the DCI thank Chairman Rees personally. I will also draw the attention of Chairman Carlson to the inclusion of this language so that the Senate Committee retains it when the bill goes to the Senate.

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2. In connection with the immigration problems of [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] Col. Edwards said that it would be preferable if I could arrange for the AEC to proffer [redacted] security file rather than to have CIA request it. Therefore, I have talked with Mr. Trapnell, who will ask General Nichols, the AEC General Manager, to make the necessary arrangements to have AEC security invite CIA to review the file.

3. Mr. Trapnell, who handles legislative matters for AEC, remarking about the current Congressional controversy of public vs. private power which in turn arose out of the action of having a private utility company contract to refurnish TVA with power furnished to AEC, stated that the AEC should have "stuck to our own knitting and our own business". By getting involved in such a matter, Trapnell felt that the AEC had "now lost our virginity and a lot of friends" on Capitol Hill, and that this had tended to impair their rather favored position with the Congress. This is an example of how even a Joint Congressional Committee can fail to protect an agency as the current controversy is being reviewed by the Monopoly Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

4. Attention is called to the introduction by Chairman Hoffman, of the House Committee on Government Operations, of H.R. 9736 to establish uniform weight allowances governing transportation at Government expense of property of Government employees. This is the administration bill on the

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subject. Our comments on this bill have been requested by the Bureau of the Budget, and I have requested the Chief of Logistics, DDP/Admin., and OGC for comments with coordination through DD/A. A companion bill has been introduced into the Senate by Sen. Schoeppel.

5. Senator Mundt has introduced S. 3695, which provides for a full field investigation by the FBI of employees of Congressional Committees. I have requested comments on this bill from the Director of Security as the full field investigation envisaged by the bill may well include a check of CIA information and its possible inclusion in the FBI report. In all probability no action on this bill will take place in the current session due to the shortage of time.

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